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1. DEPT OF VIEW THAT U.S. SHOULD PURSUE SAME LINE USED AT 59TH ECOSOC AND ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD (L.1443). WE NOTE THAT PREVIOUS ECOSOC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL YEARS AND ANNIVERSARIES INSTRUCTED ITS "SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO PROPOSE THE DESIGNATION OF INTERNATIONAL YEARS ONLY ON THE MOST IMPORTANT OCCASIONS AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO PROPOSE INSTEAD CELEBRATIONS OF BRIEF DURATION".

2. IN THE PAST UNICEF ITSELF HAS NOT BEEN OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC AT THOUGHT OF PLACING THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN OF SUCH A YEAR ON ITS STAFF WHICH IS ALREADY OVERWORKED.

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THE COST IN TERMS OF STAFF TIME AND EFFORT; INITIAL

DOLLAR COSTS OF AROUND \$2 MILLION AND FACT MAJORITY OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES APPEARED TO OPPOSE RECOMMENDATION INFLUENCE DEPARTMENT DECISION.

3. IN ANY CASE, SOME TEXTUAL CHANGES ARE DESIRABLE IN DRAFT RESOLUTION:

- A. IN PARA. 4 OF PREAMBLE, SUGGEST IT BEGIN "CONVINCED THAT MUCH GREATER AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND OF PARTICIPATING NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN..."
- B. SUGGEST ADDING ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH TO PREAMBLE READING "RECOGNIZING THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN ULTIMATELY RESTS WITH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AND THAT ONLY THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS CAN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BE MADE." KISSINGER

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